

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 578
By Stamps

A RESOLUTION honoring Johnny Cash on the 40th Anniversary
of "I Walk The Line".

WHEREAS, May of 1996 is the 40th Anniversary of the release of "I Walk The Line," a song written by Johnny Cash and recorded at Sun Records in Memphis, Tennessee, that went on to sell more than two million copies, top the country charts for months, and cross over to the pop charts, bringing Johnny Cash national and international recognition; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Cash has continued through these 40 years to write and record a great number of hits, recording nearly 1,500 songs on close to 500 albums, becoming one of the all-time highest selling artists in the history of music, winning numerous Grammy Awards, CMA Awards, and countless other major awards and honors, performing in every state in America and many countries throughout the world, and always singing "I Walk The Line" in every concert; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Cash has used his celebrity status to touch the lives of countless people through his music, giving a universal voice to the trials and triumphs, the sorrows and joys, the hopes and disappointments of the common man; and wearing the black on behalf of the poor and downtrodden, the prisoner, the Native American, the working man, the sick and the lonely old; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Cash has let his light so shine through many of his songs written and sung, and his television appearances, through his movie, "Gospel Road", his

autobiography, "Man In Black", his novel on the life of the apostle Paul, "Man In White", his recording of the New Testament Bible, and through his own personal witness inspiring the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Cash is an American treasure, his words and his songs portraying the heart of the American people and conveying his own sense of patriotism, integrity, truth, compassion, and desire for social justice; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Cash is a Tennessee treasure, an American legend who has brought international recognition to Tennessee and who has made his home in Hendersonville, Tennessee, for nearly 30 years; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Johnny Cash on the 40th Anniversary of "I Walk The Line" and we express our profound appreciation to Johnny Cash for all that he has meant to humanity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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